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What Are the Real Reasons Behind Home Depot Pullout?

By Judy Baston

Is the sudden decision last month by Home Depot not to build a massive store on Mariposa Street the result of a David and Goliath battle — with Potrero Hill neighbors wielding the slingshot? Or were there other key factors unrelated to neighborhood opposition that drove Home Depot and developer Catellus from that site on the periphery of the huge and dormant Mission Bay project.

A letter sent from Catellus President Nelson Rising to Mayor Frank Jordan May 11 tried to leave the distinct impression that citizen opposition and the Board of Supervisors resolution calling for a full public hearing process had made it impossible to meet Home Depot's demand for a fast-track approval process.

But even before Catellus had announced the pullout, participants in public meetings had noted that measures to resolve traffic problems caused by location of a Home Depot on Mariposa Street just by Highway 280 would cost much more than originally estimated.

Indeed, a letter from the City Planning Department sent May 12 noted that, "the traffic analysis underway suggested traffic mitigation measures that included improvements to the I-280 On - and Off - Ramps at Mariposa Street. These improvements could require right-of-way acquisition and Caltrans approval, neither of which

could be achieved on the time schedule required by Home Depot."

This was underscored by Potrero Hill's Diane Nygard, a representative on the Citizens Advisory Committee set up to oversee the removal of toxic wastes on the Mission Bay land. "Even though Catellus is trying to plant the ideas that community opposition killed the Home Depot deal," Nygard charged, "what really killed the deal was Catellus finding out just how high the infrastructure costs would be." These costs, she said, would include road improvements that would require negotiations with CalTrans, the need to move a main sewer line, and the creation of a new offramp to handle the high volume of automobile traffic estimated for Home Depot.

Even though this location has been withdrawn as a possible Home Depot site, it is expected that another site within the massive project may be proposed for a Home Depot store.

The major economic component of Mission Bay was slated to be office space in the 1991 Development Agreement signed with the City. But because Catellus now considers office development no longer profitable, it is expected that Catellus may want to scrap some parts of the 1991 agreement. Different groups on Potrero Hill and elsewhere are beginning to meet to help develop strategies for dealing with such a possibility.

Fire on The Hill —See Below



This was the frightening sight during the early evening of May 18 as a massive cloud of black smoke coming from Pennsylvania Avenue and Mariposa Street filled the sky above Potrero Hill.

Judy Baston photo

Public Housing Grants Near Approval by Fed Agency

By Michael Mattis

The controversial HOPE VI grant application, which could some day change the face of public housing on Potrero Hill, has made it to the final stages of approval at the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, according to San Francisco Housing Authority spokesperson John Shanley.

Although there has been no official word from Washington, interim housing authority Executive Director Ted Dientsfey reported to Shanley in late May that out of 40-plus applications, the field has been narrowed to six. Three will be chosen to receive grant monies, which total \$129 million. The grant could be worth up to \$49.6 million for the Housing Authority.

The HOPE VI grant provides federal money for the renovation or reconstruction of dilapidated and crime-plagued public housing. The Housing Authority's plan calls for the systematic demolition and reconstruction over a 10 year period of the 1940s and '50s era structures at Potrero Terrace and Annex. The plan is to replace the existing units with "town-

house" style apartment that, according to Housing Authority architect Mary Kane, will "better fit in with the surrounding neighborhood," and help to "destigmatize public housing."

Controversy arose when questions were raised about resident relocation during reconstruction. At a series of raucous community meetings in April, tenants accused the Housing Authority of using HOPE VI to oust low-income people from the development and of conniving with private developers to unload the property at market rate.

Despite the Housing Authority staff's assurances to the contrary, hard feelings persist among tenants and community leaders, who say the agency is not to be trusted. "

But Housing Authority staff and the Mayor's office say their only agenda is to make public housing safer by claiming federal dollars while they are still available. "These projects are a mess," said a source close to the Mayor who declined to be named. They don't belong to the tenants but to the taxpayers. The city has a right to clean them up."

Concerned residents have been holding a series of community meetings at the

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Fire Victims Rebuild Lives As Investigations Continue

By Judy Baston

"Whenever I hear a car backfiring now," Terry Burns told *The View* in late May, it brings back the sound of all those paint cans exploding."

And well it might.

Burns and her brother, Bob, who lived at 254 Pennsylvania Ave., lost their home and all their possessions during the early evening of May 18.

The brother and sister, along with their landlord, Wayne Perry, and another tenant, lived right next door to the Fregosi Paint warehouse, which was consumed by a four-alarm blaze that sent massive clouds of black smoke into the sky above Potrero Hill, looking as if a tornado was about to swallow the neighborhood whole.

Although at *View* press time, Burns said she was "still in a little bit of a daze," she and her brother had "already found a beautiful apartment on Mississippi Street."

The help and support of friends and co-workers has been crucial, she noted, in helping her to cope with the loss of "every single personal item, all my art work that I've done, everything."

Among the hundred-plus firefighters battling the blaze, several went back into the building and were able to retrieve her briefcase, which contained valuable papers. "For the fire to have stopped at our building was really a miracle," Burns said.

Patricia Williams who lived — and still lives — just down the street at 260 Pennsylvania Ave. couldn't agree more. "Those guys were great," she said of the

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GETTING INVOLVED

ROSES (Residents of the Southeast Sector) meets the first Thursday of each month (June 1) with members of the San Francisco Police Department, to discuss issues of public concern. The community is invited to participate. Meetings are held in the Southeast Community Facility, 1800 Oakdale Ave. at Phelps, in the community room, 7-8:30 p.m. Next month's meeting will be on Thursday, July 6, same time & place.

Potrero Hill Health Center Advisory Board meets the second Monday of the month (June 12) from 6-7 p.m. Meetings, held at the Center, 1050 Wisconsin St., are open to the public. The Board is actively seeking suggestions from residents of Potrero Hill and surrounding areas on how best to cope with the ever-shrinking funds available for health care. A new assessment of the most urgent needs, and careful setting of priorities is essential. Creative ideas are needed on reaching out to those unaware of the Center's services. The Board will welcome your input.

Potrero Hill Parents Association meets on the second Tuesday (June 13) in the Jackson Playground clubhouse, Arkansas and Mariposa Sts., 6:30 p.m. At 7 p.m., a Rec/Park Department representative will join the group for a discussion of the current design and construction plans for the Park renovations.

Potrero Hill Democratic Club meet the second Tuesday of each month (June 13) at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St., 7 p.m. The evening's speaker will be Jerry Roberts, longtime Potrero Hill resident and the S.F. Chronicle's prime political reporter/analyst — recently appointed editor of the editorial page. Meeting at 7 p.m., speaker at 7:30.

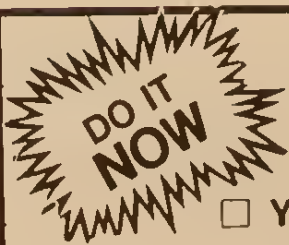
PLAN (Potrero League of Active Neighbors) meets the third Wednesday of each month (June 21) at 7:30 p.m. This will be an executive committee meeting. Members wishing to introduce an issue or add to the agenda may call Elizabeth at 826-6359. The next membership meeting will be on July 19.

S.F. General Hospital Community Meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 20. Instead of a meeting, the public is invited to a guided tour of the hospital's new mental health facility across the street. Two tours are scheduled: 6 p.m., and another at 8 p.m. To reserve a place please call 206-3882 for your preferred time. Leave your name and phone number.

Potrero Hill Boosters and Merchants meet the last Tuesday of the month (June 27) at the Potrero Library meeting room, 1616-20th St., 7 p.m.

Friends of McKinley Square will present a Community Meeting together with S.F. Recreation & Parks Department on Tuesday, June 6 at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro — downstairs — 7 p.m. Subject will be the renovation of the children's play area and other park improvements.

Starr King Park Board meets the second Wednesday of each month (June 14) in the Potrero Hill Library meeting room, 1616-20th St., at 7 p.m. As custodians of Starr King Park the board is committed to providing community stewardship of the land so that it remains a place of discovery and beauty. The land lies south of 23rd Street along Carolina Street toward Parkview Heights. The June meeting will discuss the Master Plan, California native plants and maintenance.



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Editor:

As it appeared in the daily press, the S.F. Housing Authority Commission voting down a federal grant of almost \$50 million to rehabilitate Potrero Terrace and Annex seemed a mystery wrapped in an enigma.

The "important" journalists of the **Chron** and **Examiner** mainly interested themselves in City Hall in-fighting. Why the Housing Commission turned down a \$50 million grant was reduced to a political embarrassment for the Mayor.

Fortunately, Michael Mattis in the April issue of **The View** did the legwork to uncover the human tragedy behind the political brouhaha.

For many or most of the residents of public housing, it is the last stop before the street. The degrading conditions of their lives has taught them not to place trust in the uncaring bureaucracy and politicians who lord over public housing. Even the promise of federal money for rehabilitation is seen as another trick to force them out, and turn the land over to private developers.

This is the sort of distrust and fear of government that so easily spills over into conspiracy fantasies that we see in rightwing militias, and some religious sects. Here it is in our own backyard, not only the backwoods of Michigan and Montana.

The **Potrero View** and Michael Mattis have reported the important story — of what happens when people feel they are being ground down by events and bureaucracies over which they have no control, and which rules their lives.

Sam Bottone
Francisco Street

Junk Mail Solutions

Editor:

Last Year Americans received more than 77 billion pieces of junk mail — up from 28 billion pieces in 1979. Virtually every single household in the country — 99.2 percent — now receives junk mail. Statistically, your household is now more likely to receive junk mail than to have a working toilet.

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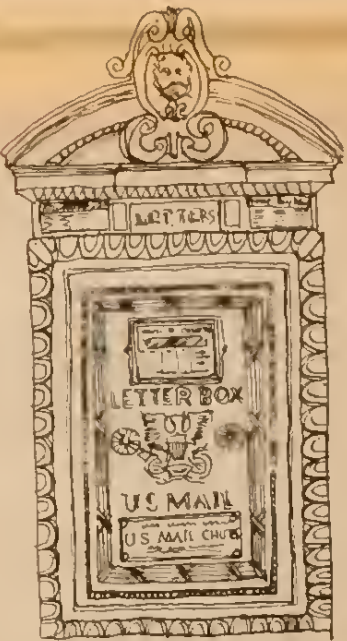
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Secondly, recycle your junk mail. Although junk mail is accepted for recycling in both the curbside and apartment bin recycling programs, San Francisco residents recycle less than half of it.

David Assmann
Public Outreach Coordinator
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DEBBY JEFFERY

We especially feel the loss of Debby Jeffery, former Children's Librarian and Manager, and a regular patron at Potrero Library. A book that Debby has written on lapsits and story times will be published posthumously in a few weeks. We will host a memorial meeting and book celebration at that time. Children and adults who participated in the May 12 Lapsit remembered Debby by singing "It's a Small World After All," a favorite lapsit song of hers, and listening to the story, "The Tenth Good Thing About Barney."

LA VIE EN ROSE

The "Infants, Toddlers, and Children of Potrero Hill" sent us a dozen pink long-stemmed roses in mid-May with a lovely note expressing appreciation "for all you've done." The warmest thanks to all of you. Please know that we appreciate all YOU'VE done to make our lapsits, story times and program events here so successful. Twenty-three infants and toddlers and 20 of their caretakers and parents attended the May 12 lapsit. It's that kind of a turnout that makes our job so gratifying. Thanks also to "Moose" for the roses from his garden that scented our circulation desk in early May. Thanks also to John Sweeney, interior design consultant, whose ideas and help gave new life to the Children's Librarian's desk.

SUMMER READING

"SOLVE MYSTERIES—READ!" is the theme of this year's Summer Reading Program. It begins on Saturday, June 17 at 2 p.m. with a performance by local talent, Heather Pearl Cromie, aka "YO-YO, the Clown." Children from the age of 0-13 are welcome to sign up, read eight books by August 19, and receive prizes, which include a sticker, a pencil, a magnifying glass, and tickets to the Discovery Museum, the Exploratorium or Young Performers Theatre.

Other program events during Summer Reading will include: a performance by The Red Panda Acrobats on Tuesday, July 18 at 4:30 p.m., and an appearance by the Snapdragon Puppets on Saturday, August 19, at 2 p.m. Mark your calendar!

PEN PALS "BACK EAST"

For children in grades 4-7, who might like to write to a pen pal from the Mattituck-Laurel Public Library in Mattituck, New York, Potrero Library will be organizing a letter-writing exchange that begins with sign-up in mid-June. Letters will be mailed every week beginning July 7, and ending August 11 — unless, of course, you and your pen pal decide to continue your correspondence past that date. . .

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Infant and Toddler Lapsits are every Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. Preschool Story Times are Saturdays at 2 p.m. Two showings of the videos "Morris' Disappearing Bag," "The Chairy Tale," and "Rosie's Walk" will take place on Tuesday, June 20 at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

CORRECTION

Please note that on Thursdays, the library is open from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER

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* Kaminer, Wendy. "It's All the Rage: Crime and Culture." Examines the current obsession with crime and punishment.

* Loewen, James W. "Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong."

* Caplan, Paula J. "They Say You're Crazy: How the World's Most Powerful Psychiatrists Decide Who is Normal." Scathing criticism of the depression index.

* Baker, Daniel B. "Cracking the Corporate Closet: the 200 best (and worst) companies to work for, buy from and invest in if you're gay or lesbian — and even if you're not."

* Topor, Tom. "The Codicil." Deceased millionaire added a condicil to his will bequeathing half of his estate to the child he fathered in Vietnam — if the youngster can be found alive. Breathless right down to the wire.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

* Howe, James. "When You Go To Kindergarten."

* Obermeyer, Vera. "Finding a Preschool for Your Child in San Francisco."

* Winkleman, Katherine K. "Firehouse."

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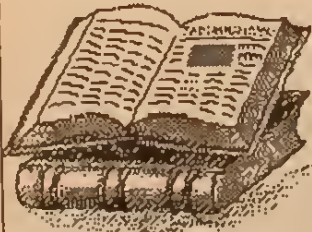
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TEN YEARS AGO

In The View.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCERNS AIRED:

Nearly 100 concerned parents and other members of the community met at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House on May 21 to air grievances about the situation at the Hill's middle school. A chief concern of the citizens was the perception that the school was being used as a "dumping ground" for an increasing number of problem students. Other concerns included disciplinary problems, truances, graffiti, damage to surrounding private property, and students leaving school "at all hours of the school day." High teacher turnover and low faculty morale were other problems discussed.

HILL GROUP SEEKS MORE PARKING:

The Potrero League of Active Neighbors (PLAN) forwarded to the City's Department of Public Works some recommendations on increasing the number of parking spaces on a number of Potrero Hill streets. The result of a parking survey undertaken by PLAN, the recommendations include changing parallel parking arrangements to 45-degree parking, a change that could produce up to 300 more parking spaces on the Hill.

PARK DECISION PORTPONED:

A dispute between the directors of Starr King Park (between Carolina, De Haro, 23rd and 25th Streets) and an adjacent neighbor delayed the establishment of the park's land trust. The neighbor, Danny Orlando, would lose access to his garage if crescent-shaped Coral Road off Carolina Street was closed to vehicles per the park's board's decision. The Board's position as expressed by Chairman Gary Weinberg was, "To have a road there for the use of one person would not be fair to the community." Orlando contended he was promised continued access to his garage by the city and threatened a lawsuit to retain access. Starr King Park is a two and a half acre plot donated to the community to partially offset the density of the Parkview Heights development.

AGNOS PROPOSES HEALTH PLAN VOTE:

Assemblyman Art Agnos' Assembly Bill 1743, which would allow the voters to decide on the need for a national health care program, passed the Assembly Health Committee. The measure was to give California voters a chance to cast their vote on the issue of national health care in the 1986 general election. Voters would be asked to respond "yes" or "no" to the question: "Shall the Legislature adopt a resolution requesting the President and Congress of the United States to enact appropriate legislation by Jan. 1, 1988, creating a full-range, decentralized national health care program for all citizens of the United States. . . ."

THIS AND THAT:

Hill orator Sandra Swanson, winner of a city public speaking contest and member of the speech team at George Washington High, placed 15th in state competition sponsored by the National Forensic League . . . An informational picket line in front of the Western Can Co. building at 17th and De Haro Streets protested the hiring of non-union firms in the building's renovation into retail and office space . . . Plans for a 24-unit apartment complex with commercial spaces at 23rd and Wisconsin Streets were shelved . . . A sketch of Hill artist Charles Griffin Farr appeared in an exhibit of 100 portraits at the California Historical Society . . . A successful benefit dinner for the St. Teresa's Church Sanctuary Committee raised \$1200 at Goat Hill Pizza in May . . . Maclovio Ruiz, internationally famed dancer for almost three decades, from the '30s through the '50s was, at age 74 working as an exercise therapist at the Nabe . . . The Potrero View representative in the Media League softball season, the "Goats" were off to a blazing start, winning their first four games scoring 105 (no mistake) runs to their opponents' 26.

— Vas Arnautoff



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ISA Principal Steve Hirabayashi points out reasons for optimism about charter school status, but admits there are problems to be solved.

Vas Arnautoff photo

A 'LICENSE TO DREAM'

Hill's ISA Grapples With First Charter School Year

By Vas Arnautoff

When Potrero Hill's International Studies Academy (ISA) was granted charter status by the S.F. Unified School District in October 1993, it was an exciting prospect for teachers, parents and students. ISA was to be allowed to design its own curriculum, select its own staff, and decide how funds allocated by the SFUSD were to be spent starting in the 1994-95 school year.

Now, with one charter year behind them, both ISA principal Steve Hirabayashi and the school's Charter Council chairman John Hedges agree that it's been exciting, challenging and, on occasion, "like trying to change a tire while driving down the freeway."

The charter concept, now authorized in 11 states, allows school districts to establish a limited number of schools as self-governing entities where the curricula and teaching methods are established by charter councils composed of teachers, parents and students. (At ISA the council consists of five representatives of each group, plus the principal, who sits in as a non-voting member.)

The California version of the charter school concept is the result of legislation introduced in 1992 by State Senator Gary Hart (D.-Santa Barbara) who saw in it a way to "provide teachers with a license to dream." Close to 100 charter schools have now been established in California, two in the SFUSD -- ISA and the Early Childhood School in the Sunset District. ISA is the first secondary institution to function as a charter school.

Schools granted this status become independent agencies which, while reporting to and operating at the sufferance of local school boards, are not subject to district policies except as specified in their charters. The schools need

not be accredited and teachers need not be state-certified, but the institutions must produce annual progress reports. Charters are granted for five years and may be renewed, but they may also be revoked at any time for specified reasons.

At ISA, parents, staff and students held numerous discussions during the 1993-94 school year about such questions as: What knowledge and skills should every ISA graduate possess? How will we design and implement a curriculum that ensures that each student acquires such skills and knowledge and can demonstrate their use?

After just one year it is difficult to gauge how well these questions and others have been answered. There are problems; there are also achievements. But one senses that the school is still in the process of defining itself. Principal Hirabayashi puts it this way: "Our biggest problem is that we have no guidance. There is no model to follow. We're constantly reinventing the wheel." And the budget process, for instance, is still difficult, he says. "Who's responsible for what?"

In fact, this question of responsibility has even put the jobs of Hirabayashi and Assistant Principal Camille Morishige in jeopardy. Their contracts may not be reviewed by the SFUSD because it's the feeling at school headquarters that a charter school must hire its own administrators. At View press time the issue had not yet been settled.

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Music Program at Potrero Middle School in Jeopardy

By Michael Mattis

Because of dropping enrollment, Potrero Hill Middle School is in danger of losing its music program next semester.

Potrero Hill Principal Ronald Cabral said the school's allocation of students dropped this year by at least 110 students, and further decreases are expected over the next two years. Art and computer science classes will also be affected by cuts.

The decrease has forced Cabral to cut three teachers. Based on a formula mandated by the school district, the number of teachers in a given school rises and falls with the number of students attending, according to Willie B. Santamaria of the school district's Elementary Education Office.

"When we ran the numbers we found that we were three teachers over formula, based on the projected allotment of students for next year," said Cabral.

The drop in student population is in part due to the U.S. Navy's consolidation of its Treasure Island base, which currently feeds the school about 125 students. Treasure Island enrollment is expected to be zero within two years, noted Cabral.

A new middle school, Jedediah Smith, scheduled to open in the Bayview/Hunters Point area next September, will also pull students from the Hill school.

The decision to cut teachers in art, music and computers in particular, said Cabral, stems from the school's current "Family Structure" restructuring program. The program teams up teachers and students in a schedule designed to promote a more domestic environment for students and greater flexibility for some teachers. Electives teachers, however, are outside the regular Family Structure system.

Cabral hopes the gap in art education

will be filled next semester by a program that will require teachers in other disciplines to teach electives courses. The Administration also plans to keep the school's computer lab open despite the lack of a full-time teacher.

"Kids need music," said Jerry Logus, who has taught music at Potrero Hill for seven years. "It makes kids learn to think. Music is mathematics, history and geography."

Since the cuts, called "consolidations," do not require layoffs, Logus and the others will be reassigned to schools in the district. Logus plans to teach music in the city's elementary schools. Logus and Cabral are trying to work out a compromise with the district to bring in a part-time teacher for band and choir. But that compromise would require the district to raise the school's teacher allocation.

At the Potrero Hill Middle School Spring Concert on Wednesday May 24, Logus and his students circulated a petition calling for the rescue of the music program. "I'd like the band to stay open," said seventh grade alto-sax player Matt Vera. "I'd really miss it if it had to go."

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Bi-Weekly Graffiti Paintout A Pleasure for Volunteers

Working to make their neighborhood a more pleasant place, Potrero Annex and Terrace residents spent May 20 painting graffiti off their walls and out of their sight.

The biweekly "graffiti paint-out" is sponsored by the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House Girls Club under the direction of the Nabe's Joyce Armstrong.

"Every time the tenants get together they accomplish a lot," said resident Matthew Easley. "We work as a team."

Part of the Girls Club's "Community Pride" program, the paint-outs began in 1989. In 1993 and '94 the paint-outs caught the attention of the Mayor's Office, which now funds the program through its Neighborhood Beautification Fund (NBF).

The NBF began in 1990 after the passage of Proposition D, which allows city businesses to allocate one percent of their payroll tax to the fund. Last year the program granted \$258,659 to non-profit groups for graffiti removal, according to NBF coordinator Kim Fowler. Fowler notes that fund revenues are way down this year.

"It's lots of fun," said Eric Frank, 13, a Martin Luther King Middle School student who likes math best. Standing high on the ledge of an abandoned apartment painting over an "R.I.P." graffiti with his roller-brush, Frank said he was "just doing his service to the community."

The paint-out started at 8 a.m., and by noon volunteers had gone through six five-gallon drums of paint. "We expect to go through about four more," said Boh Bessix, a painting supervisor from the Housing Authority. Painting continued throughout the afternoon, ending around 4:30 p.m.

"This is something we like to do on Saturdays. We'd be out here every Saturday if we had enough paint."

But for some the paint-outs have had a symbolic importance beyond aesthetics. For Wilma Jackson the paint-outs became an important therapy in helping her relieve the pain caused by the shooting death of her son. In April of 1994, Delfonse Jackson, 18, was shot in the back and killed on his way to his girlfriend's house. For weeks afterward the walls around her apartment were decorated with the tag, "R.I.P. Del."

"It was their way of acknowledging how much they loved him," said Wilma Jackson in a telephone interview from her new apartment in the Mission. "But it just hurt me more to see that day after day." So Jackson began painting out the painful tags. "I did it so the healing process could begin," she said.

Future plans include funding for murals -- a joint venture with Precita Eyes Mural project.

— M.M.



Members of the Mayor's Beautification Project Screening Committee gather May 2 at Potrero Terrace to discuss effort to paint out graffiti.

Housing Grants Near Approval

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Oscaryne Williams Daycare Center in Potrero Annex to discuss ways to improve tenant input into the renovation process.

Meanwhile, in a letter dated May 25, Jordan asked HUD Deputy Assistant Director Keven Marshal for "preemptive intervention" at the Housing Authority. The letter sought HUD assistance in areas of administration, services, operations, financial consulting and planning and design.

"It's not like a hostile takeover," said Shanley when asked how Housing Authority staffers felt about the possibility of intervention. Shanley said the Mayor had written the letter in cooperation with Ted Dienstfrey, the agency's interim executive director.

Housing Agency Ouster Back in Mayor's Hands

Mayor Frank Jordan is in the process of reshuffling the San Francisco Housing Authority, and it could mean the dismissal of up to four members of the Housing Authority Commission.

Housing Authority spokesperson John Shanley said the Mayor will likely appoint at least two new commissioners prior to the commission's next meeting June 8.

In an administrative hearing that ended May 17, Commissioner Karen Huggins, a Potrero Terrace resident appointed by Jordan in 1994, faced charges of misconduct of office. Charges included improper interference with police activities, interference in police and other commissions, interference with housing authority staff, and a violation of the Brown Act, California's open-meeting law.

The hearing brought similar charges against Commissioner Jan Allen. The charges came after Huggins' and Allen's refusal to vote to apply for a controversial Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) grant worth up to \$49.6 million for the troubled Housing Authority. The application was finally approved April 17, after Commissioners Larry Lee and Sululagi Palega reversed their "no" votes and voted in favor of the application. Lee and Palega have also come under investigation from the Mayor's office, and may soon feel the mayoral axe.

Calling Huggins' actions on the commission "insupportable," Mayor's office attorney Philip Ward said, "everybody

save Ms. Huggins concluded that [Potrero Terrace and Annex] housing was well below standard, unsafe, unsanitary and unhealthy. Ms. Huggins ignored the consequences of losing the opportunity to secure federal funding without which the Housing Authority would not be able to improve the quality of housing."

John Burris, attorney for Huggins and Allen, however, called Huggins a "woman of conscience."

"In my view," said Burris, "she was being a real leader who voted in the interests of the people she was chosen to represent."

Burris, who represented Rodney King in his \$3.8 million lawsuit against the city of Los Angeles, said he thought Huggins' and Allen's dismissal from the commission "a foregone conclusion" due to the structure of the hearing procedure.

The Housing Authority's administrative hearing process is governed by the California Health and Safety Code, which provides a procedure for the removal of a commissioner by the appointing authority, in this case the Mayor.

The code requires the services of an arbitrator to be chosen by the appointing authority. The Mayor chose retired Superior Court Justice John Benson "for his experience in this kind of arbitration," according to Ward.

As prescribed by law, a transcript was made of the hearing and sent to the Mayor, who, based on the evidence, renders the final decision. A legal review to any decision made by the Mayor can only come after the filing of a suit in Superior Court.

Because of the charges against Huggins and Allen, there have been no meetings of the Housing Authority Commission since April 17.

"About 20 resolutions have piled up that need authorization," said John Shanley. But Shanley notes the "down time" created by the hearings has been a useful "cooling off period that has allowed everybody [at the agency] to simmer down and collect their thoughts."

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What could possibly go wrong?

Food Bank Move Creates Stir over PG&E Tactics

By Jeff Wood

The impending move of the San Francisco Food Bank from its present location at 333 Illinois Street to a vacant site at the corner of 23rd and Pennsylvania Sts. is stirring some controversy on the Hill.

Subject of the controversy isn't so much the Food Bank itself, but rather the gift by PG&E to the Food Bank of the land on which a new facility will be built. The site was occupied for many years by a huge PG&E gas storage tank.

Ever since the tank began to be taken down in 1988, there has been discussion and debate on the Hill about what the best use for the site would be — light industry or housing?

Potrero Boosters and Merchants Assn. President Dick Millet was a strong proponent of putting housing on that site.

"We were fighting before the Food Bank was involved, at the time of Agnos' administration. PG&E didn't have the courtesy to contact us. The neighborhood liaison is unavailable, they never checked if we would like to develop the land into residential properties for \$1. The Food Bank doesn't pay taxes. The housing would pay taxes," he said.

Overall, Millet stressed he had only the highest regard for the Food Bank itself, calling it a "fantastic organization." But, he added, "I'm just sore because of the way PG&E dealt with it. But it's their property and they call the shots."

On the other hand, Paul Ash, the Food Bank's Executive Director, couldn't be happier with the land gift, the largest in PG&E's history.

"We've been at our current location for almost ten years and it leaks," Ash noted. "Whenever it rains, we have water that comes down and ruins pro-

ducts. Even the metal cans rust if we don't catch the leak."

The facility is literally stacked to the rafters with pallets of canned goods and perishables in crates and boxes. "I've seen hundreds of thousands of pounds of food spoiled just because of this building," Ash said. And that doesn't count the food turned away because there is not space enough to accommodate it.

Ash plans to build a new warehouse on the gift site, starting this fall if the fundraising already underway goes well. In addition to more space, the new facility, with 45,000 square feet, will triple storage and office space. And it will include restrooms.

"We have no bathroom in this building. Twenty or 30 volunteers a day have to hike over to another building and the kindness of a neighbor who lets us use their restroom."

Gone also will be the two mobile offices which accommodate much of the administrative staff, the "trailer park" as they call it, and the refrigerated freight trailer parked at the building's loading dock, which serves as a freezer.

Ash thinks the new facility will increase its current distribution from four to ten million pounds of food per year to the 300 local agencies it serves.

The new location will also put the Bank closer to the Hill's residential community, one which the Bank characterized in a recent study as an 'epicenter' of hunger, one of several "places where hunger is extremely high and services are very low."

Ash said the Bank already enjoys good relations with the Hill. He noted the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House and St. Teresa's Catholic Church as two organizations with which the bank works on a regular basis, and he also pointed out the beneficence of local businesses.

IT'S XMAS IN APRIL



Volunteers from the Christmas in April project came to Potrero Hill April 29 to work on a house at 60S Mississippi St. as part of the program's goal of rehabbing community facilities and low income residents' homes. Most workers shown above are USF law students and Wells Fargo Bank employees.

Dovid Blaine photo

Senior Services Center Location Sought on Hill

By Bernie Gershater

Planning is underway for a Senior Services Central on Potrero Hill, to provide information and assistance, with health education, Medi-Cal, in-home supportive services, immunizations, and income assistance.

The current City budget allocates to the San Francisco Commission on Aging funds from the garage parking tax revenues and from money made available by the federal Older Americans Act.

With this the Senior Services Planning Task Force plans to establish ten Senior Centrals throughout the city, located in areas in which there are 10,000 - 20,000 senior residents. The plan for Senior Central District 4 — Central City and Potrero Hill — starts with a Central City/Potrero Hill Coordinating Council composed of agencies providing services in the area, planning and consumer groups.

The main site for District 4 will be the Salvation Army activities center at 360 Fourth Street. Two satellite centers are planned, to be opened later this year, including one on Potrero Hill. These satellites would share staff with the main location and would be linked by

computer for sources of information about available services.

Special efforts will be made to recruit seniors for staff and volunteer positions, with a goal that half of staff and volunteers will be over 55 years of age.

A subcommittee of the Council met on May 11 at the Caleb Clark Potrero Hill Health Center to discuss possible sites for the Potrero Hill location. Attending the meeting were Verna Haile, of the North of Market Senior Services, Michael Radetsky of the Department of Public Health, Pam Smith, a social worker at the Health Center, Ruth Vaughan, who volunteers at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House and the Salvation Army and is on the Board of Directors of the Health Center, Sina Satele from Samoa Mo Samoa, and Bernie Rush from the Potrero Hill Democratic Club.

The subcommittee will meet again June 8 at 2:30 p.m. at the I.M. Scott School, 1060 Tennessee St., which is one of the sites under consideration. The Samoan group is headquartered there. Seniors and others who want to have input into the process are urged to attend. For more information call Michael Radetsky or Pam Smith at the Health Center, 648-3022.

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"Prayers for the Millenium," features Russel Walder in a musical tone poem for solo oboe, in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Holocaust, at Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa St., on weekends, June 1-10. Call 621-7978 for reservations and info.

An exhibit of humorous artworks by 38 leading contemporary American Indian artists runs through July 23 at the Center for the Arts Galleries, 701 Mission St. Gallery hours are Tues.-Sun., from 11 a.m.-6 p.m., and until 8 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month (when admission is free from 6-8 p.m.) Seniors are offered free admission on Thursdays from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 978-ARTS for more info.

ArtSpan's 5th annual exhibition, scheduled from June 8-24, features 20 artists, including Potrero Hill painter E. Dale Erickson and photographer Tricia Gabriel in this juried "Selections" exhibit at SOMAR Gallery, 943 Brannan St. An opening reception and auction takes place June 7 at 7 p.m. For info call 861-9838.



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The 4th Annual Women and Cancer Walk will be held Sunday, June 11, at 11:30 a.m. in Sharon Meadow in Golden Gate Park. Organizers of the Walk hope that walkers will raise at least \$100,000 to benefit 12 Bay Area community-based health organizations serving women with cancer. Pledge forms are available close to the Hill at Eichelberger's Bar/Restaurant, 2742-17th St., and the Women's Bldg., 3543-18th St. For more info call 487-6224.

The American Civil Liberties Union will present the organization's national president, Nadine Strossen, in a lecture on "The Original Contract With America: The Bill of Rights." on June 13 at 6:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St. Strossen is the author of "Defending Pornography: Free Speech, Sex and the Fight for Women's Rights." For more info call 979-6699.

"The Library" is a mural exhibit in a library environment to mark the 50th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. The Exhibit consists of three original murals and screenings of the films "Black Rain" and "Hiroshima/Nagasaki, August 1945." The exhibit is on through July 1st, and the screenings are on June 9-10. Call New Langton Arts, 626-5416, located at 1246 Folsom St.

The Sharon Art Studio in Golden Gate Park is a public art program that serves San Franciscans of all ages. Classes at the Studio are reasonable, and scholarships are available. Registration for the summer begins Saturday, June 10.

For more info call 753-7004. Classes include stained and fused glass, jewelry, drawing, watercolor and ceramics.

Carole Rae Watanabe, a well-known artist with studios formerly at 151 Potrero Ave., has relocated to Sebastopol, but runs a summer arts workshop in the south of France. If you would like to meet Carole and view slides of the French countryside and her studio, there will be an exhibit at the Spirit in Form Gallery, 285 Missouri St., on June 8, from 7-9 p.m. The paintings of Lorraine Pinto, Camille Przewodek and Watanabe will be the focus of the show. Call (707) 823-9663 for more info.

Former Potrero Hill resident and long-time San Francisco labor activist Reeve Olson will be honored June 13 by the Democratic Women's Forum with its Eleanor Roosevelt Woman of the Year Award. Scene of the award is the Forum's Annual Luncheon at the Fort Mason Officer's Club. For more info call 681-3967.

At the Phoenix Theatre weekends through June 11: Arthur Miller's "Elegy for a Lady," along with Nancy Barr's "Mrs. Cage." The Phoenix is located at 301-8th St., Suite 206. Call 621-4426 for reservations or more information.

"Who Will Decide When You Can't," a discussion of the Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, helps listeners to learn how to legally appoint someone to speak for you if you are ever incapacitated. This presentation takes place from 10-11 a.m. on Monday, June 12 in Herbster Hall at UCSF/Mt. Zion, 1600 Divisadero St. Call 476-0373 for more information.

"Whatever Happened to Full Employment?" This, says economist Douglas Dowd, is a question few people are asking these days. He shares his views June 13th at 7 p.m. at the New College, 777 Valencia. More info is available by calling 826-1362.

Among the many special events marking Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month in June: "Gay and Lesbian Resistance in the Nazi Era" will be the topic of Radical Women's meeting Thursday, June 22, at 7:30 p.m. at Valencia Hall, 523A Valencia. Call 864-1278 for more info. And at Galeria de la Raza, 2857-24th St., from June 20-July 29 will be "Regeneration: The Queer Exhibit," a show by Gay and Lesbian members of the emerging generation of Bay Area Chicano/Latino artists. For more information, call David Contreras at 826-8009.

Journalist Alexander Cockburn will discuss his new book, "The Golden Age is Within Us" at Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia St., on Friday, June 9 at 7:30 p.m. In his new volume, both a history and a diary, the witty and iconoclastic Cockburn weaves together the public and private with sustained comic ingenuity. Modern Times can be reached at 282-9246.

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"Just for You" Creator Greg Stevenson Dead at 48



Greg Stevenson

Gregory Lee Stevenson, born May 22, 1947, passed away on May 5. Greg and his partner of 21 years, Derek Elias, created the Just For You Bakery and Cafe on 18th Street in July, 1976.

Originally located in what is now Hazel's Sandwich Shop, they moved the cafe to its present location in 1980. The two were a familiar sight driving their big pink pickup truck around the Hill.

After selling Just For You in 1990 to the present owner, Arianne Landry, they embarked on a three-year odyssey across America in a motor home, returning to San Francisco in 1993.

In addition to Derek, Greg is survived by his parents Don & Flo who reside in Florida. Greg also leaves behind many friends & customers who will remember him affectionately and fondly. No one could flip an egg or egg Derek on the way Greg could. We miss you, friend. You left us way too soon.



Debby Jeffery in 1991, when she first took over as Potrero Branch Librarian.

Judy Baston photo

Librarian Debby Jeffery Dies, Ran Potrero Branch, '91 - 92

Former Potrero Branch and Children's Librarian Debby Jeffery, a Hill resident for nearly 15 years, died of heart failure on April 30, just three days shy of her 44th birthday.

Jeffery had been at the helm of the Potrero Library in 1991-92, right after branch hours had been slashed and staffing had been cut from two librarians to one. A children's librarian by training, Jeffery had proudly described herself as "a founding mother of the lapsit program" when she took over at the

Potrero Branch four years ago. Because of her heart condition, she left the Potrero Branch for a part-time schedule elsewhere in the library system.

The American Library Assn. is publishing a book Jeffery recently finished on lapsits and story times. When the book is published a celebration of Jeffery's life and her work will be held at the library. Many Potrero Library patrons saw Jeffery on April 1, at the reception for the annual Potrero Artist's Show, in which Jeffery exhibited her work.

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The historic painting "Signing of the UN Charter," by Howard Chandler Christy, shows, left to right: President Harry S. Truman; Secretary of State Edward Stettinius Jr.; Harold E. Stassen, Commander of the United States Naval Reserves; Virginia Gildersleeve, Dean of Barnard College; Charles Eaton, U.S. House of Representatives; Sol Bloom, U.S. House of Representatives; Arthur Vandenberg, U.S. Senate; and Tom Connolly, U.S. Senate.

Hill's ISA Grapples With First Charter School Year

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But in at least one respect ISA is the same now as it was pre-charter; as its name indicates, and as its original "Statement of Philosophy and Mission" (adopted when the school was established in the mid-1980s) states, "the emphasis at the Academy is placed on an intensive study of foreign languages and on international relations."

In line with this emphasis, ISA has established three "circular pathways" with a fourth recently authorized but not yet implemented, all leading to college entrance. These are the Academies of Finance, Travel and Tourism and Public Service. The recently added fourth is the International Baccalaureate (IB) program.

The IB program, created in the 1960s and based in Switzerland, has partici-

ating schools in 73 countries. ISA will be the 28th school in California and the first in the SFUSD to offer the program, which qualifies successful graduates for entrance to major universities in the world. IB graduates are also granted sophomore status at many North American institutions of higher learning.

Other innovative features at ISA include: sister schools in a number of foreign countries with exchange visits both ways by students, a school year that begins in August to enable students to enroll in SF Community College classes (10 percent of the students do), a student body chosen by lot from applicants from all parts of the City, and a faculty all of whom chose to teach at ISA (no teacher may be assigned to ISA).

Charter Council chairman Hedges, whose daughter just completed her junior year at ISA, says "Our feeling is that all students can learn, given the opportunity."

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Three Local Workers Recall Role in Saving UN History

By Ruth Passen

Among the score of celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of the United Nations, there is a special exhibit on display at the M.H. de Young Museum in Golden Gate Park with memorabilia from the original signing of the U.N. charter, as well as a 7 foot painting depicting the event. Three retired city workers who handled that painting when it was restored to the lobby of the Veterans' Building (now the War Memorial Building) met with *The View* and reminisced about their role in one of the events of that time.

Commissioned by the United Nations to commemorate the event of the signing, artist and illustrator Howard Chandler Christy painted delegates standing behind a large table as the Charter was being signed. But 79 year old Rudy Palihnich remembers that the Charter was signed on a makeshift table of plywood laid across sawhorses, covered by a blue tablecloth. "And it wasn't on the stage, but below, on the floor near the seats," he contends.

Presented to the Trustees of the Veterans' Building in the 1950s, the painting hung in the lobby of the auditorium until it was moved and placed in storage at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, which occupied the upper floors of the building, until the lobby work was completed.

In the 1970s, "some members of the Trustees thought the painting was no longer appropriate for the lobby," remembers Palihnich, who was superintendent of the building at the time. But after conferring with his staff, engineer Carl Padover — a Potrero Hill resident

and budding electrician Roy Foster, they agreed that the painting's historic significance, as well as the artist's reputation, meant it must take its place once again on the lobby wall of the newly named Herbst Auditorium. The Trustees assigned Palihnich and his crew the job of re-hanging the painting.

Because changes in the lobby had rendered the space the painting originally occupied above the west wall of the lobby no longer adequate, the three selected a space above the entrance doors on the east wall. "We had trouble with the painting and couldn't hang it flat," Palihnich recalled, "so we tilted it forward," and that worked. If they hadn't made that decision, the painting would have had to be re-framed, which would have taken too much time.

Foster was also assigned the job of "chopping all the office spaces on the first and second floors into little cubbyholes" to be used for the press and delegates during the 1945 event.

Palihnich, an active member of the Slovenian Hall on Potrero Hill, also remembers the 10th anniversary of the Charter signing when everything was completely duplicated to the original signing, when all official UN business was conducted for one month in that location. The Veteran's offices and the museum were closed to the public.

Asked how they felt about working for such a momentous occasion, Foster seemed to sum up the trio's feelings when he shrugged his shoulders and quietly said, "it was just another job."

The Christy painting will be returned to its permanent place in the Herbst after the de Young Museum exhibit closes at the end of June.



Roy Foster, Rudy Palihnich and Carl Padover (L/R) reminisce about their involvement with historic painting of U.S. Charter signing.

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Artists' Live-Work Facilities Near Completion on Hill

Through dogged persistence, clever design, and deft political maneuvering, a demolished Geary Boulevard live/work center for artists is close to being re-constituted on Potrero Hill.

Former residents of the Goodman Building have been without a common home for the dozen years since that old artists' hotel was razed for high-rise development. City funds were allocated to subsidize replacement housing for tenants at the time of demolition and Artspace Development Corporation (ARTSDECO) was formed to shepherd that process. In the late Eighties, housing developer McKenzie, Rose, and Holliday folded the subsidized ARTSDECO housing into a larger residential proposal for the site at 18th and Arkansas Streets. Five years after preliminary design schemes were displayed to Hill residents, the project is approaching completion.

The construction footprint is remarkably similar to the fishhook shape Architect David Baker originally proposed at neighborhood meetings. "Goodman 2" forms the barb at the hook's end, deep in the mouth of the rail tunnel. Market rate lofts, flats, and townhouses face streetfronts on 18th and Arkansas in an unbroken line.

Small live/work units in Goodman 2 are configured with a broad variety of floor plans and window options, all accessed from a common stair hall dubbed "the atrium". Unit prices range from \$90,000 (subsidized) to \$255,00 (market rate).

Loft ownership is being allocated through a process of financial qualification, lottery selection, and compatibility interviews. Only artists can apply for residence in the condominium because of restrictions of the city Live/Work Ordinance; that regulation oddly

permits almost any "arts activity" with the exception of writing and architecture.

By mid-May, several dozen hopeful artists had applied for loan qualification, tramped the halls of the 29-unit Goodman complex, and taken their chances in a lottery to select units they hoped to buy. Resident selection should be nearly complete by June 1, but interested artists are encouraged to sign a reserve list for a possible second round of qualification.

As umbrella organization for the residents, ARTSDECO plans outreach to the neighborhood which includes a continued artist-in-residence program at Potrero Hill Middle School, and plans for youth apprenticeships in multimedia arts. By-laws for community use of an unfinished 90 seat performance gallery located at pedestrian level on 18th Street have yet to be written.

The status of a mid-block footpath following ground contours from Wisconsin at 19th Street through to 18th Street is also unresolved. The hillside below the totem pole on 19th Street is to be replanted with native species and could include a path.

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Fire Victims Rebuild Lives As Investigations Continue

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firefighters. "They saved our building, and now we're basically remodeling."

Even though Burns remembers "definitely being a little worried" when the paint warehouse moved in next door to her shortly after she had rented her flat a year ago, neither she nor Williams would move out of the Potrero Hill neighborhood in which commercial/light industrial and residential buildings often sit cheek-by-jowl.

"There should have to be a lot of constraints on a business such as this in a residential area," Burns said, but added, "if a building is supervised and in compliance with all the right fire codes and has a good sprinkler system, it is probably okay. But there is more and more residential development in this area, so that ought to be taken into account."

By the end of May, the area burned by the fire was fenced off, closing Mariposa Street and Pennsylvania Avenue at that cross street while a multi-faceted cleanup is expected to continue through most of June.

"The demolition has to be done in such a way that the fire inspectors can still pursue their investigation into the cause of the fire," Richard Lee of the San Francisco Health Dept. told **The View**.

Two separate firms, an environmental group called Erickson, and a demolition company called Plant Reclamation, have

been hired by building owner Frank King and business owner James Fregosi to perform the cleanup, Lee said.

The Health Dept. is continuing its involvement to ensure that "the public health is protected and to make sure nothing goes down the sewer," Lee said. There are two guards posted at the area during the day and four at night."

(Asked about any health hazards that might have been airborne in the neighborhood during the fire, the Health Dept.'s Eileen Shields pointed out that the department had jurisdiction only over air inside buildings, not outside, so no tests were performed by the city on the air during the fire. Lee noted that no complaints about the effects of the fire on the neighborhood at large had been filed with his office by **View** press time.

Lee confirmed that "there is an investigation going on" over the charge that the paint company had failed to transfer its required hazardous materials permit when it moved its warehouse to Pennsylvania Avenue.

Such a permit, Lee said, would be needed to cover supplies such as the latex paint, strippers and lacquers stored there, Lee said. Health Dept. issuance of such a permit takes place without any public notification and does not take into account a business's proximity to residential dwellings — a zoning, not Health Dept., issue.

However, Lee pointed out, if a commercial enterprise is using specific dangerous chemicals or items, rather than those simply called "hazardous materials," then a different permit would be required and public notice would have to be given.

The materials in the paint warehouse "would not have been considered risky enough for the kind of permit requiring public notice," Lee said.



This was the scene at Pennsylvania Avenue and Mariposa Street the morning after the steel structure that housed the Fregosi Paint warehouse crumpled under the heat of the previous evening's four alarm blaze.

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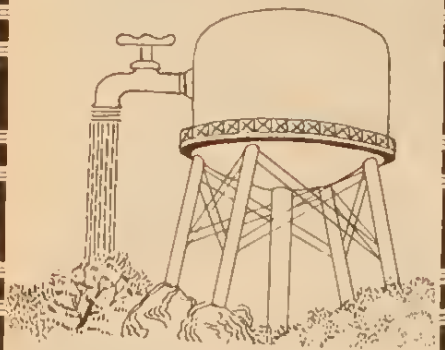
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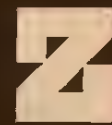
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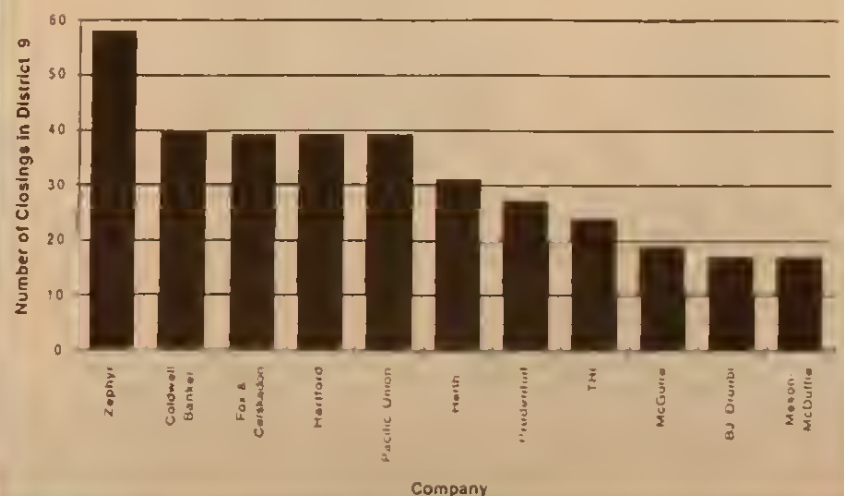
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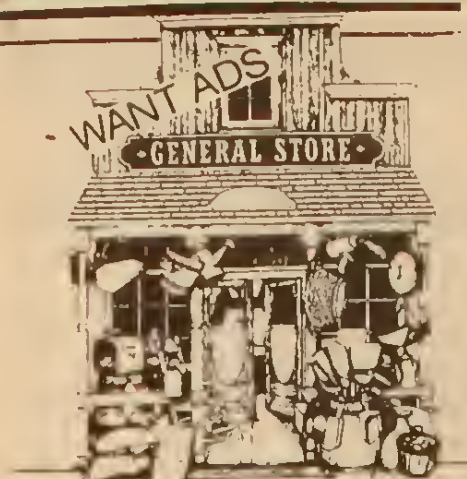
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